

A Feature-Length Post-Apocalyptic Horror/Thriller

Tagline:

"The dead remember. And they're not alone."

1. Title Slide

Logo/title of the film

Subheading: "Written by [Your Name]"

Visual: Stylized key art or still — Lone Man in Salvation silhouetted against a burning skyline.

2. Logline

When a government resurrection experiment backfires, unleashing an army of evolving undead with fractured memories, survivors must band together inside a fortified cathedral — while one silent loner wages his own war with a Mad Max-style death machine.

Synopsis:

REVENANT CITY is a relentless post-apocalyptic thriller where cunning Echo zombies stalk the ruins of a fallen metropolis. As survivors clash with ruthless raiders and martial law descends, a lone drifter in his armored car wages war against the rising dead. But when the Echoes begin to think—and remember—no one can outrun what humanity unleashed.

3. Tone + Genre

Genre: Post-Apocalyptic Horror / Action / Thriller

Tone: Gritty, emotionally raw

Influenced by The Road, 28 Days Later, Mad Max: Fury Road, Children of Men

Mood Palette: Sepia-grime, neon-fire, decay-meets-tech noir

4. Core Themes

Memory as a Weapon

Identity vs. Programming

Faith vs. Firepower

Survival vs. Humanity

5. Story Overview (3-Act Structure)

ACT I - THE REAWAKENING:

Operation Lazarus reanimates the dead to serve labor.

But they're evolving: running, planning, remembering.

Chaos descends.

ACT II - THE DEAD CITY:

Survivors fortify St. Gideon's Cathedral.

Lone Man hunts Echo-class zombies, mapping their strange behavior.

Raiders seize territory with brutality.

ACT III - THE FALL AND THE FORTRESS:

A siege ignites. Raiders and Echoes converge.

The Lone Man intervenes with SALVATION.

Zara takes command. Echoes reveal they may not be the true enemy.

6. Main Characters

Character Description

Zara Ex-military tactician. Reluctant leader, deeply moral.

Marcus Stoic priest. Offers faith in a faithless world.

Lenny Teen engineer. Builds hope from salvage.

Horace Gruff protector. Blunt and fiercely loyal.

Jake Haunted, addicted. Fights himself as much as the enemy.

Lone Man Silent scavenger. Tracker. Weapon-builder. Legend.

Kael "Blackmouth" Raider warlord. Charismatic psychopath.

Cole Redd Ex-soldier turned Raider. Slowly fractures from within.

7. Villains & Threats

Echo-Class Zombies: Intelligent, emotional, fragmented memories.

Raiders: Brutal, tribalized road warriors. Live for blood sport.

Lazarus Tech: Remnants of the program linger, whispering of more below...

8. World Design

Revenant City: Decaying metropolis. Subways, rooftops, ruins.

The Cathedral: Fortress of survival and faith.

Salvation (Vehicle): Exo-caged 70s muscle car Hood stacks, saw-blade kill rig Strobe-coded to confuse Echoes, "Built to drive through hell and come back with answers."

9. Key Visuals

Concept art or Al-generated stills:

SALVATION in action

Zombies watching, not attacking

The siege of St. Gideon's

Echo Zombie touching a child's shoe

Lone Man's cracked dashboard photo

10. Why Now / Market Position

Zombies with emotional stakes = renewed genre interest

Franchise potential (Post-credit scene → REVENANT: DOMINION)

Horror with a soul + action with scale

Appeals to fans of Last of Us, A Quiet Place, Train to Busan

11. Budget Tier + Production Needs

Mid-tier FX-driven horror/action (\$8M-\$15M)

Mix of practical effects, light CGI, stylized set reuse

Built for streaming + theatrical viability

12. Post-Credit Setup

The Lone Man's fate isn't sealed.

The Lazarus signal still pulses.

Zara's resistance calls out...

"If you're not one of them yet... start fighting like one of us."